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REPORT.

GEO. D. BARTLETT, Treasurer, in account with Town of Whately.

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To Cash in Treasury on settlement, Feb. 20, 1875....	\$1,347 52
of J. M. Crafts, from S. Lesure.....	172 65
State Tax,....	1,160 00
County Tax.....	1,585 93
Town Grant.....	5,177 29
Overlayings.....	179 63
E. F. Orcutt.....	100 00
Corporation Tax.....	30 25
State Aid.....	40 00
State Paupers.....	34 88
National Bank Tax.....	978 81
Geo. Brown, History of Whately.....	3 00
S. W. Allis, " ".....	6 00
Ernest Allis.....	30 00
School Fund.....	240 11
C. M. Cutter.....	30 00
Other sources.....	84 52
	<hr/> \$11,200 59

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By amount of orders paid.....	\$6,584 40
State Tax.....	1,160 00
County Tax.....	1,585 93
In Treasury, in cash and uncollected taxes.....	1,870 26
	<hr/> \$11,200 59

Feb. 26th, 1876.

OLD BILLS PAID AND ORDERS OF ABATEMENT.

Field & Hall, for printing.....	\$34 75
Wells T. Smith, for Lumber.....	8 00
P. M. Wells.....	2 50
James Maderson, shoveling snow.....	6 00
G. & D. W. Crafts, for breaking roads.....	5 30
Preston Belden, abatement of tax.....	2 00

Luther Barnard, " "	2 00
Wm. P. Wing, " "	2 00
M. W. Jewett.....	2 00
H. W. Field.....	2 00
Q. S. Smith	2 70
W. W. Bardwell	5 78
E. G. Crafts, damage to grass.....	5 00

\$80 03

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

January and February.....	\$35 00
March and April.....	35 00
May and June.....	35 00
July and August.....	35 00
September and October.....	35 00
November and December.....	35 00

\$210 00

PAID SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

North-east district.....	\$260 00
South-east district.....	283 00
North-centre district	237 90
South-centre district	277 25
North-west district.....	240 50
South-west district.....	266 00
South Deerfield schools	40 00

\$1,604 65

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS DURING THE YEAR.

M. W. Jewett.....	\$141 70
Ernest Allis.....	258 77
Matilda Potter.....	203 71
R. A. Belden.....	150 00
Edgar Belden.....	83 89
Hannah Slattery.....	37 00
Walter Bardwell.....	260 05
Dorus Belden.....	135 97
Jerry Murphy.....	128 24
Harrod Smith	169 12
Joseph Belden.....	177 67
O. G. Smith family.....	215 50
S. R. Walker.....	164 19
Wm. P. Wing	36 01
Myron Harwood.....	22 05
J. W. C. Allis.....	9 75
C. K. Wait.....	9 25

Selectmen, <i>disbursed</i>	\$37 50
Seth Bardwell	44 09
H. L. James, rent of house	5 00
	<hr/> \$2,288 56

PAUPERS.

How can we lessen the expense to the town of our legal town paupers? is the practical question, to solve which there are many minds and varied opinion; but we are inclined to believe, for the amount of our disbursements, the present plan, well administered, the most economical, at least for the present.

We have paid to the Hospital for Insane \$653.58, on account of Matilda Potter, M. W. Jewett, and Ernest Allis. R. A. Belden, S. R. Walker, O. G. Smith, with their families, have had to them disbursed, \$529.69. R. A. Belden has a wife and six young children, and is out of employment; it is claimed he is unable to labor, on account of ill health, even if work could be found. O. G. Smith has received no aid since the death of his wife, in March last, but two of his children, aged six and eight years, receive \$10 monthly.

We have lodged and fed seven hundred and twenty-two tramps, at an expense of \$336.12—an average of 46½ cents. However, \$270.95 of this amount was paid to Walter Bardwell, showing this last winter there have been comparatively few tramps lodged by this town.

Ernest Allis draws \$42 from the State, in State aid and pension, and it is hoped his condition may be improved, and he cease to be a charge upon this town, at an early date.

The appropriation for the poor has been overdrawn to the amount of \$788.56, and the disbursements have exceeded those of last year, to the amount of \$643.45. Adding the disbursements to legal paupers residing in other towns, leaves the amount of disbursements to paupers living in this town, \$769.15.

HIGHWAYS.

J. W. C. Allis.....	\$56 93
Thomas Sanderson...	16 50
Thomas Flynn.....	4 50

Dennis Dowd.....	\$15 75
Richard Phillips.....	7 50
Thomas Sanderson.....	26 00
Michael Handrehan.....	13 50
James Whelan.....	1 50
Wm. D. Powers.....	7 50
J. W. C. Allis.....	35 50
James Whelan.....	1 50
Luther G. Stearns.....	30 00
Aaron Wait.....	3 00
Luther G. Stearns.....	30 45
".....	14 75
Aaron Wait.....	3 00
David P. Wells.....	8 00
S. E. Allis.....	52 50
H. B. Fox.....	4 00
Dwight Warren Crafts.....	11 45
Geo. & Frank Dickinson.....	5 50
Patrick Dalton.....	1 50
John Crafts.....	1 20
Wells Dickinson.....	5 50
C. K. Wait.....	1 20
Seth B. Crafts.....	48 25
".....	19 50
Sam. Lamb.....	75
Nelson Damon.....	13 80
E. Jenny.....	8 25
C. Sanderson.....	1 50
E. E. Sanderson.....	17 00
R. Jenny.....	40 00
James Nolan.....	3 00
Luther Sanderson.....	1 92
Horace Wait.....	11 54
Asa T. Sanderson.....	7 50
R. Jenny.....	51 25
Cotton Bardwell.....	2 75
Moses M. Sanderson.....	3 00
Stephen Harvey.....	1 50
George Moore.....	2 00
John Scott.....	9 45
Hiram Bardwell.....	3 00
J. B. Wait.....	42 00
Calvin Knights.....	5 70
Edwin Bardwell.....	11 25
C. A. Graves.....	4 00
Charles S. Sanderson.....	3 75
John E. Wait.....	24 55

William Field	\$2 75
Moses Sanderson.....	4 50
William Graves.....	4 00
E. S. Munson.....	4 00
Geo. Moore.....	12 00
J. E. Wait.....	3 50
P. W. Field	12 30
Sam'l Wells.....	1 50
J. B. Wait.....	9 35
Seth Bardwell.....	1 80
David P. Wells.....	39 75
S. P. White	14 25
Patrick Dalton	3 00
F. G. Bardwell.....	5 50
Wm. Cahill.....	75
Walter Barnard.....	40
David P. Wells.....	9 50
David Callahan.....	4 00
T. G. Bardwell.....	7 00
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	\$835 79

WHATELY VS. CRAFTS.

S. E. Loomis.....	\$4 71
S. Lesure.....	12 59
E. G. Crafts	15 09
S. C. Wood.....	4 71
Dennis Dickinson	6 92
Edwin Bardwell.....	15 73
S. W. Allis.....	12 88
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	\$72 63
E. F. Orcutt, reimbursement.....	\$50 00

MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR HIGHWAYS, 1875.

	Surveyor.	App'd.	Exp'd.	Ov'wk.	No'ex.
N. E. District,	J. W. C. Allis,	\$180 00	\$186 68	\$6 68	
S. E. "	Luther G. Stears,	75 00	81 21	6 21	
N. C. "	S. E. Allis,	150 00	159 35	9 35	
S. C. "	David P. Wells,	75 00	87 15	9 15	
N. W. "	Rodolphus Jenny,	170 00	177 47	7 47	
S. W. "	J. Bement Wait,	150 00	146 95		\$3 15
Amount expended as above					\$835 79
Amount appropriated.....					800 00
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Balance against the town					\$35 79
Amount expended on bridges.....					432 46
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Total amount highways and bridges.....					\$1,268 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

L. F. Crafts, painting school houses.....	\$75 00
A. W. Crafts, nails.....	55
P. M. Wells, cash, school houses	19 55
Metcalf, license bonds	1 25
J. E. Wait, damage, defective highways.....	25 00
S. P. Doane, services, librarian	22 00
G. W. Crafts, services, assessor.....	21 85
E. S. Munson, " "	12 50
S. Lesure, express and postage	2 73
" mortgage book.....	2 50
S. W. Allis, postage.....	1 00
L. F. Crafts, painting guide boards.....	10 00
" painting school houses	20 00
C. Hall, damage to sleigh	10 00
Geo. D. Bartlett, treasurer, discount on taxes.....	280 00
L. P. Doane, services, librarian	12 10
Elihu Belden, repairs on school houses	9 32
S. Lesure, recording births and deaths	17 50
Library committee, books town library.....	120 65
Elihu Belden, services, assessor.....	25 00
Geo. M. Crafts, meeting tax commissioners.....	5 00
S. W. Allis, stationery and postage	3 45
Lucas P. Doane, services, librarian	3 00
Geo. D. Bartlett, collecting taxes	145 00
" stationery, express and postage....	13 73
Albert Bartlett, services, assessor.....	17 50
S. Lesure, going to Conway	2 00
" stationery and postage	3 19
G. D. Bartlett, cash paid C. Adams, Jr.	25 00
M. Howes, ringing bell	10 00
Seth Bardwell, perambulating town lines.....	6 00
Seth Bardwell, services, selectman	25 50
C. K. Wait, perambulating town line.....	6 00
" services, selectman	30 00
" services at Greenfield.....	23 00
Seth Bardwell, services at Greenfield.....	27 00
S. W. Allis, services, selectman.....	100 00
Chester K. Wait, going to Greenfield	2 50
Seth Bardwell, " "	2 50
S. W. Allis, Sunderland Bridge case.....	10 00
P. M. Wells, services, school committee.....	20 00
" disbursements, school houses.....	11 77
A. K. White, services, school committee.....	20 09
" disbursements, school houses.....	9 32
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\$1,209 96	

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Greenfield Savings Bank	\$140 00	
Franklin Savings Institution	260 00	
		<hr/> \$400 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax.....	\$1,160 00	
County tax.....	1,585 93	
		<hr/> \$2,745 93

PAID FOR BRIDGES.

William Graves.	\$5 00	
E. Belden	8 75	
John Brennan	13 50	
Patrick Brennan.....	12 00	
M. Henderchan... ..	7 50	
Adam Wait.....	10 00	
B. Morton.....	15 00	
J. W. C. Allis.....	21 30	
John Mooney	1 50	
Seth B. Crafts	10 00	
E. G. Crafts, for plank	50 05	
S. W. Allis, for timber.....	40 96	
Eben Sanderson.....	10 21	
E. G. Crafts, for plank.....	5 99	
S. P. White.....	16 92	
Beriah Morton.....	9 63	
E. G. Crafts... ..	7 70	
J. W. C. Allis.....	63 25	
Jos. McEnery	8 00	
S. W. Allis, nails	54	
E. G. Crafts.....	2 42	
S. E. Church, for timber.....	20 00	
J. W. C. Allis, hauling timber.....	5 00	
Horace & E. Wait, for plank.....	26 60	
F. G. Bardwell.....	7 75	
Eben Sanderson	2 82	
S. E. Allis.....	8 10	
Luther Sanderson.....	2 39	
Wm. A. Brown.....	24 08	
E. Belden.....	7 50	
Silas Crafts	8 00	
		<hr/> \$432 46

RECAPITULATION

of Money Paid from the Town Treasury, including outstanding Orders.

Schools	\$1,604 65	
Paupers	2,288 56	
Highways	835 79	
Bridges	432 46	
Miscellaneous	1,209 96	
Interest	400 00	
State tax	1,160 00	
County tax	1,585 93	
Whately vs. Crafts	72 63	
E. F. Orcutt	50 00	
State aid	210 00	
Old bills and orders of abatement	80 03	
Other sources	84 50	
		<hr/> \$10,014 51

Recapitulation of bills and orders paid from the
treasury

treasury	\$9,330 33	
Outstanding orders, Feb. 26th, 1876	684 18	
		<hr/> \$10,014 51

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

Amount cash on hand	\$1,347 52	
J. M. Crafts	172 65	
State and County tax	2,745 93	
Town grant	5,177 29	
National Bank tax	978 81	
Other sources	778 39	
		<hr/> \$11,200 59
By amount of orders, bills, State and County tax	\$9,330 33	
Outstanding orders	684 18	
Cash in the treasury after paying outstanding or- ders	1,186 08	
		<hr/> \$11,200 59

Estimated Amount of Money to be Raised Another Year.

Paupers	\$1,600 00
Schools	1,500 00
Highways	800 00
Bridges	400 00
State aid	200 00
Interest	400 00
Contingent	1,000 00
County tax	
State tax	
Town debt	

GEO. D. BARTLETT, Treasurer, in account with Town of Whately.

To amount of cash received during the year.....	\$11,200 59
By amount paid during the year.....	\$9,330 33
Cash on hand	1,870 26
	<hr/> \$11,200 59

LIABILITIES.

Due Franklin Savings Institution.....	\$4,000 00
" Grenfield Savings Bank	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$6,000 00
Outstanding orders.....	684 18

ASSETS.

Due from Geo. D. Bartlett.....	\$1,870 26
" State aid	210 00
" J. M. Crafts, old treasurer	3,800 00
" J. M. Crafts, History of Whately	624 00
" J. H. Temple.....	63 00
" various persons.....	192 00
" No. copies on hand, 150.....	450 00
" from State and towns, for paupers.....	91 14
	<hr/> \$7,300 40
Balance to the credit of the town.....	616 22

The disbursements, as will be observed by the selectmen's orders, have exceeded in amount the town grant, \$1,911.66.

This amount has been paid from money received on account of the National bank tax, and the various other sources of income to the town; leaving in the treasury after paying outstanding orders, \$1,186.08.

This amount, all collected, will pay current expenses until new taxes shall be collectable.

Geo. D. Bartlett, collector, received previous to Oct. 1st, \$5,600, allowing on the same, discounts, \$280.

The balance, of \$2,502.85, not all collected, allowing no discount, leaves a balance of income in the treasury of \$125.14.

We would submit that the limit of time for allowing discounts on taxes shall be the first of August, thus keeping in the treasury a sufficient sum to meet promptly always increasing accruing current expenses, and would it not be for the best interest of the town, and also to individuals who compose the town, that all taxes unpaid, Dec. 1st, shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum?

We have purchased new seats for the town hall, at an expense of \$215, not believing the old ones fit for the various purposes that the town hall is subject to be used.

The history account stands nearly the same as last year.

S. W. ALLIS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
SETH BARDWELL,	
C. K. WAITE,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Whately.</i>

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In compliance with the requirements of the Statutes, your committee respectfully present the following report, in regard to the condition of the schools, and the expenses incurred for the same, for the year ending March, 1876.

MONEY RAISED.

Money appropriated by the town...	\$1,400 00
“ received from State school fund.....	240 00

MONEY EXPENDED.

SOUTH-CENTER SCHOOL.

Miss Carrie P. Harwood, for teaching	
Summer term, 11 weeks, \$5 per week.....	\$55 00
Fall “ 8 3-5 “ 5 “	43 00
Winter term Miss Flora Allen, 3 weeks.....	10 00
“ Robert W. Lyman, 10 weeks, \$8 per wk.	80 00
H. K. White, boarding 22 3-5 weeks, \$3.50 “	78 05
S. M. Frary, wood	21 25
	\$287 30

NORTH-CENTER SCHOOL.

Miss Alice I. Waite, teaching	
Summer term, 10 weeks, \$7 per week.....	\$70 00
Fall “ 9 “ 7 “	63 00
Winter “ 12 “ 7 “	84 00
Wood fitted for stove.....	20 90
	\$237 90

SOUTH-EAST SCHOOL.

Miss I. H. Porter, teaching	
Summer term, 10 weeks, \$4.50 per week.....	\$45 00
Fall “ 9 “ 4.50 “	40 50
Winter “ 13 “ 4.50 “	58 50
Geo. Belden for board 10 weeks, \$3.50 “	35 00
Stephen Belden, for board	77 00
E. D. Sanderson, wood	16 33
Sawing wood.....	2 00
E. D. Sanderson, wood fitted for stove.....	6 14
Making fires.....	1 00
E. Sanderson, wood.....	3 53
	\$285 00

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Mattie Fairfield, teaching Summer term, 10 weeks, \$7 per week.....	70 00	
Miss Maude Chaffee, teaching		
Fall term, 9 weeks, at \$7	63 00	
Winter " 13 " 7	91 00	
E. Sanderson, wood.....	21 00	
" "	14 00	
Making fires.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$260 00

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Emma Haynes, teaching Summer term, 10 weeks, \$7 per week.....	\$70 00	
Miss Mattie Fairfield, teaching		
Fall term, 7 weeks, \$7 per week.....	49 00	
Winter " 14 " 7 "	98 00	
Ed. Waite, wood	13 50	
M. Moody, sawing wood.....	5 00	
George Moore, wood.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 50

SOUTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Martha Gardner, teacher, Summer term, 11 weeks, \$4 per week....	\$44 00	
Miss Flora Allen, teaching Fall term, 8 weeks, \$3.50	28 00	
Miss Susen Hunt, teaching Winter term, 13 weeks, \$4.50 per week	\$58 50	
Edwin Bardwell, board 32 weeks, \$3.50 per week...	112 00	
Edwin Bardwell, wood.....	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$263 50
South Deerfield school.....		40 00

RECAPITULATION.

Money raised by town	\$1,400 00	
" received from State school fund.....	240 11	
	<hr/>	\$1,640 11

EXPENDITURES.

South-center school.....	\$287 30	
North-center "	237 90	
North-east "	260 00	
South-east	285 00	
North-west "	240 50	
South-west "	263 50	
South Deerfield school.....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,614 20

STATISTICS.**SOUTH-CENTER SCHOOL.**

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Carrie P. Harwood ; the Winter term by Mr. Robt. W. Lyman.

Length of Summer term.....	11 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	41.
Average attendance.....	39.02.
Length of Fall term.....	9 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	39.
Average attendance.....	34.1.
Length of Winter term.....	13 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	32.

NORTH-CENTER SCHOOL.

This school has been under the charge of Miss Alice I. Waite, the entire year.

Length of Summer term.....	10 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	15.
Average attendance.....	13.24.
Length of Fall term.....	9 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	25.
Average attendance.....	20.25.
Length of Winter term.....	12 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	

SOUTH-EAST SCHOOL.

This school has been under the charge of Miss I. H. Porter, for the entire year.

Length of Summer term.....	10 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	27.
Average attendance.....	22.16.
Length of Fall term.....	9 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	34.
Average attendance.....	24.20.
Length of Winter term.....	13 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Mattie Fairfield.

Length of Summer term.....	10 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	25.
Average attendance.....	20.

The Fall and Winter terms have been under charge of Miss Maude Chaffee.

Length of Fall term.....	9 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	24.
Average attendance.....	23.
Length of Winter term.....	13 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	23.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

This school the Summer term was taught by Miss Emma Haynes.

Length of Summer term.....	10 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	15.
Average attendance.....	14.50.

The Fall and Winter terms have been under the charge of Miss Martha Fairfield.

Length of Fall term.....	7 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	17.
Average attendance.....	15 3-4.
Length of Winter term.....	14 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	25.

SOUTH-WEST SCHOOL.

The Summer term was taught by Martha Gardner.

Length of Summer term.....	11 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	22.
Average attendance.....	16 1-2.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Flora Allen.

Length of Fall term.....	8 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	27.
Average attendance.....	23.

The Winter term is under charge of Miss Susie Hunt.

Length of Winter term.....	13 weeks.
Whole number of scholars.....	32.

In presenting this report, your committee think that the facts will justify them in saying that the schools for the year past have, in most cases, been satisfactory to them, and to those most interested; that they have, in all cases, been all that could have been desired, or that all interested have been perfectly satisfied with, is not claimed.

The school interest is one in which more persons are interested than any other,—the tenderest and most sensitive feelings of parents have to be consulted, and often they are in opposition to the best judgment of the committee. Mutual co-operation of parents and teachers are the only means by which a school can be successful. While such accord has not been perfect, your committee are happy to be able to say that no differences occurred of so serious a nature as to call for any interference between parents and teacher.

Parents may do much to make a school successful, or the reverse; in fact, the failures in schools are often the results

of parents upholding their children in the disregard of the rules and regulations that the teacher may think necessary for the government of the school.

Irregular attendance and tardiness cause teachers a great deal of unnecessary trouble, and many unpleasant feelings, and is often the cause of a loss of interest in the school. It certainly is discouraging to an ambitious teacher,—one that tries to do one's duty,—to have scholars absent from one-fourth to one-half of the time, and others that generally come into school from fifteen to thirty minutes late, creating much noise and confusion, and attracting the attention of both teacher and scholars. We hope to see a great improvement in this respect, the coming year. A scholar that is absent for any considerable part of the time, is generally behind in his classes, and necessarily loses much of that interest that is required for his improvement.

The change of text-books is often the cause complaint. We think, in this respect, the town has been favored, no changes having been made for a long time. Improvements are being continually made in this direction,—books are being continually introduced that are better calculated to awaken an interest in the scholar,—and, as a consequence, his increased improvement. That some of the books now in use might be discarded, and replaced by others of more modern style, is the opinion of your committee; and if, upon a more thorough investigation of the subject, the committee should think it advisable to make changes, it will be done in such a manner as to cause as little inconvenience as possible.

Any one, upon an examination of the record of those visiting the schools, will see that the visitors consist, almost exclusively, of the committee and young persons,—the names of parents occurring very seldom. A great majority of the parents, probably nine-tenths of them, never visit the school to ascertain whether the teacher is what he ought to be, or that the scholars are improving their time to the best advantage. This it not as it should be! What other interest do they neglect in such a manner? It is only when the parents will interest themselves in regard to the needs and requirements of their

children, and co-operate with the teacher and committee for the best welfare of the school, that we can look for the highest type of success. The town is liberal in its expenditure of money for schools, and it likes to feel that it is fully appreciated, and will be used to the best advantage by those most intimately interested.

The condition of the school-houses are such that, with slight repairs, they will be suitable for use for the present, and, as the question of consolidating the districts, and the introduction of graded schools—in some parts of the town, at least—is still an open one, the committee would not recommend any change at present.

Most of the schools have been in session thirty-two weeks, the past year, which leaves for vacation twenty weeks, which is more time than ought to be allowed. The vacations are necessarily long, and the scholar not only loses much time that ought to be improved, but he forgets, much that was learned the term previous, and your committee would suggest that a sum of money be raised, sufficient to continue the schools in session thirty-six weeks of the year.

P. M. WELLS, — }
ELIHU BELDEN, } *School Com.*
H. K. WHITE, }

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